Juvenile Housing

506.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety and security of juvenile inmates who are being prosecuted as adults and housed in the Correctional Facility. It is the current policy that TCCF does not house juvenile offenders. In cooperation with the Thurston County Juvenile facility, juvenile offenders are housed within their facility.

506.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Juvenile - A person under the age of 18.

506.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to prohibit the housing of juveniles, except when the juvenile is being prosecuted as an adult.

506.3 JUVENILE HOUSING

All juveniles shall be housed separately from adults in a booking holding cell until a classification team review can be completed.. The Office will seek to provide accommodations and services to juvenile inmates equal to those provided to adults or, when appropriate, modified to benefit a juvenile due to his/her age (28 CFR 115.14). Juveniles will be housed alone. In most cases, those under the age of 18 will be held within the juvenile detention facility as per an agreement with the Chief Deputy of Corrections and the Juvenile detention director.

When a juvenile inmate is not suited for the booking cells because the inmate poses an unusual risk tostaff or to him/herself, alternate housing may be sought with the approval of the Chief Deputy of Corrections. In such cases, the Chief Deputy of Corrections should:

(a) Determine a reasonable housing option for the juvenile inmate.

(b) Document the reasons for the alternate housing.

(c) Reassess the juvenile’s housing on a weekly basis.

(d) As much as practicable, meet all the requirements as if the juvenile were housed in a regular Unit.

(e) Move the juvenile inmate into appropriate housing once available..

(f) Ensure the juvenile receives regular contact with a mental health specialist to monitor the juvenile’s well-being and to address any behaviors that may impede his/her return to appropriate housing..

506.4 SUPERVISION

Juvenile inmates should be monitored and supervised to ensure their safety and security. Supervision should include but is not limited to:

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(a) Being able to hear and respond to juvenile inmates at all times.

(b) Conducting direct visual observation safety checks of all juvenile inmates at least once every 60 minutes, at irregular intervals. Audio/video electronic surveillance systems may supplement but shall not replace direct visual observation.

(c) Observing the juvenile and his/her movement during safety checks.

(d) Documenting all safety checks.

506.5 CLASSIFICATION

The Chief Deputy of Corrections or the authorized designee should appoint a specialized juvenile liaison officer. This officer should inform those who are responsible for supervision of the juvenile about any information developed during the classification process that indicates the minor presents a risk or is a hazard to him/herself or others. The juvenile liaison officer should work with staff to ensure that the special needs of juveniles are addressed.

The juvenile liaison officer will also ensure that medical and mental health staff members are notified of any special needs of the juvenile. Corrections deputies responsible for supervising juveniles shall pay close attention to the juvenile for any sign of suicide risk, as outlined in the Suicide Prevention and Intervention Policy.

506.5.1 DATA COLLECTION FOR THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

The juvenile liaison officer or designee should facilitate the data collection required by the Washington Department of Children, Youth, and Families regarding juveniles confined in the correctional facility as required under RCW 13.04.116.

506.6 CLASSIFICATION PLAN

A specialized classification plan should be created for each juvenile inmate to determine the level of risk and any program needs that would be developmentally appropriate. In addition, the following information shall be identified and documented in the plan:

- Physical stature
- Mental state or maturity level
- Social skills
- Educational maturity

506.7 SIGHT AND SOUND CONTACT

Juvenile housing units shall not allow for sight, sound, or physical contact between juvenile and adult inmates through the use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping area.

Juvenile inmates should not have sight, sound, or physical contact with adult inmates outside of the housing unit. Any incidental or accidental contact should be minimal and brief. Where sight,

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sound, or physical contact separation cannot be maintained, facility staff (trained in the supervision of inmates) shall provide direct supervision of the juvenile (28 CFR 115.14; 34 USC § 11103).

506.8 RECREATION PROGRAMS

All juvenile inmates should be allowed comparable recreation as set forth in the adult incarceration exercise schedule specified in the Inmate Exercise and Recreation Policy (28 CFR 115.14).

The Chief Deputy of Corrections shall develop written procedures to provide a recreation program that shall protect the welfare of minors and other inmates and that recognizes facility security needs.

All juvenile inmates should be provided with unstructured activities daily (e.g., watching television).

506.9 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

The disciplinary procedures for adults in the correctional facility should apply to the juvenile inmates as well.

506.10 EDUCATION

Juvenile inmates should be provided with sufficient hours of educational programming per day to mitigate any disruption to their current schooling and/or to comply with any legal requirements. The Chief Deputy of Corrections should consult with the appropriate education authorities to provide these opportunities.

An education program shall be made available to juvenile inmates at the Correctional Facility through the local school district (RCW 28A.194.010). The Chief Deputy of Corrections shall ensure that a written contract is executed as provided in RCW 28A.194.060 with each education provider.

To support the education programs required by law, the Chief Deputy of Corrections shall ensure that appropriate space, equipment and security is maintained for the education program (RCW 28A.194.050).

The Chief Deputy of Corrections shall notify the appropriate school district within five school days whenever an eligible juvenile inmate is incarcerated in this facility and provide medical and mental health records necessary for a determination by the school district of the educational needs of the juvenile inmate (RCW 28A.194.050).

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